

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1397 without my signature.

This bill would regulate the practice of athletic training by requiring all individuals who use the title “athletic trainer,” to meet specific education standards, pass a certification exam, complete continuing education, and register with an athletic training organization.

There is no evidence that the existing unregulated status of athletic trainers poses any threat to the public health and safety. While there may be a benefit to consumers by providing a distinction for certified athletic trainers, this bill would place unnecessary regulatory burdens on the athletic training profession.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger